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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON LIFTING OF EMBARGO

1. ENTIRE SEPTEMBER 28 TURKISH PRESS, WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE  
OR TWO MINOR OPPOSITION PAPERS, PROMINENTLY HEADLINED  
PRESIDENT'S LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AND ECEVIT'S STATE-  
MENT IN RESPONSE. ARTICLES STRESSED BEGINNING OF NEW  
ERA IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND FACT THAT US INSTALLA-  
TIONS WERE LIKELY TO OPEN SOON. LEFTIST "CUMHURIYET"  
AND MAJOR OPPOSITION PAPER, "TERCUMAN", CARRIED EDITORIALS  
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ON THE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES IN REOPENING BASES.

2. NATIONALIST "GUNAYDIN" COLUMNIST TEOMAN EREL  
APPLAUDED CARTER'S QUICK ISSUANCE OF PRESIDENTIAL  
DETERMINATION AND APPROVED ECEVIT'S RETURN GESTURE OF  
REOPENING US INSTALLATIONS, WHICH HE FELT ANY TURKISH  
GOVERNMENT, I.E., DEMIREL OR ECEVIT, WOULD HAVE DONE,

GIVEN GOT'S MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON OUTSIDE SOURCES. EREL NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ECEVIT'S STATEMENT INDICATED GOT WOULD NOT REVERT TO FORMER POLICY OF DOCILITY, E.G., PRIME MINISTER'S REFERENCE TO GOT'S CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE AND WORLD PEACE WAS INTENDED TO LET HER NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH KNOW THEY NEED NOT BE UNEASY; IN ADDITION BASIC TENETS OF NEW DEFENSE CONCEPT WOULD BE MAINTAINED. EREL CLOSED COLUMN BY NOTING THAT WHILE EMBARGO WAS LIFTED, ARMS SHIPMENTS HAD YET TO RESUME. HE CLAIMED THAT US HAD OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT TURKISH POLICY, E.G., IN CYPRUS AND ABOUT GOT RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS, LIBYA AND IRAQ; THUS GOT WOULD HAVE TO WORK EVEN HARDER AT INCREASING ITS STRENGTH SO AS TO MAINTAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE.

3. EDITORIALS IN LEFTIST "CUMHURIYET" AND CONSERVATIVE "TERCUMAN" FOCUSED ON THE LEGAL OBSTACLES TO THE RE-OPENING OF THE BASES WITH "TERCUMAN" POINTING OUT THAT 1976 DCA HAD NOT BEEN RATIFIED AND THE 1969 AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ABROGATED BY GOT. "TERCUMAN" ALSO NOTED THAT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF DOMESTIC POLITICS, IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO RPP GOVERNMENT TO REOPEN BASES WITHOUT FIRST SECURING A US FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE. "TERCUMAN" SAW LIFTING OF EMBARGO AS ENDING TENSION WHICH HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXISTED IN US RELATIONSHIP, BUT TOOK NOTE THAT US HAS MADE AN "ORGANIC CONNECTION" BETWEEN CYPRUS AND THE EMBARGO. "CUMHURIYET" ALSO CITED CONDITIONS (E.G., ARMS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES AND POLICY LINK TO CYPRUS) WHICH HAD BEEN ATTACHED TO LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. EDITORIAL NOTED THAT ECEVIT GOVERNMENT SEEMED INCLINED TO REOPEN BASES UNDER A "TEMPORARY STATUS", BUT CLAIMED THAT THIS WOULD PREJUDICE THE NECESSARY PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION OF A FINAL AGREEMENT.

4. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SUKAN IS QUOTED IN "MILLIYET" AS BEING PLEASED WITH LIFTING OF EMBARGO BUT NOTING THAT GOT HAD TO DRAW LESSONS FROM ITS PAST EXPERIENCE AND SEEK RATIONAL AND REALISTIC MEANS TO SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY OF THE STATE. A "HURRIYET" ARTICLE REPORTED MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN OKCUN AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN NEW YORK AND CLAIMED THAT GOT HAS ASKED THAT FORMER "\$250 MILLION IN US ASSISTANCE NOW BE INCREASED TO SOME \$400-500 MILLION. REFERRING TO SAME MEETING "MILLIYET" ADDED THAT OKCUN AND VANCE HAD AGREED THAT EXIM BANK LOANS WOULD BE SET IN MOTION AGAIN.

"HURRIYET" ALSO REPORTED (INCORRECTLY) THAT NEW US  
SERVICEMENT HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN TURKEY.  
SEVERAL PAPERS MENTIONED THE SEPTEMBER 26 ARRIVAL IN  
TURKEY OF GENERAL POE, COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE  
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